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1954 CONTROL ACT INVOLVED TOO

Court reopens key case testing constitutionality of Internal Security Act

THE Administration's drive for a police state—and its planned pre-election red hunt—received a substantial setback Sept. 13 from the Circuit Court of Appeals, District of Columbia. The court on its own motion ordered reopening for argument of the key case in the whole elaborate structure set up by the 1950 Internal Security Act and the 1954 Communist Control Act which amended it. That case is the one argued before the Circuit Court by the government last April, ordering the Communist Party to register under the 1950 Act.

The court ordered that reargument be presented Oct. 21 on (1) the effect of the 1954 Amendment on the 1950 Act; (2) the constitutionality of the full 1950 act, including penalties to be imposed if the order to register is upheld. The first point shows that the court, like many far-rightists in Congress, is troubled by the new law. The second, that the court has in effect rejected the government's contention that this was not an outlawry measure, but a simple registration act, the constitutionality of whose penalties should be decided later when an effort is made to enforce them.

GOVT. MUST ANSWER: The government had argued the constitutionality as a whole in a footnote. Its approach could have provided an "escape hatch" to avoid ruling on the Act's constitutionality if the court had wanted one. Instead, the court accepted the argument of the late Vito Marcantonio (with John Abt and Joseph Forer), attorneys for the CP, that the constitutionality of the Act as a whole is the question to be decided. The government is now compelled to answer the defense claim that the Act is an outlawry measure and unconstitutional.

The court also granted a defense motion to reopen the case for new evidence. This motion has specific reference to the government's reliance on three informers—Paul Crouch, Manning Johnson and Harvey Matusow—all of whom it later ceased to employ following repeated public exposure of the contradictions and perjuries of their testimony.

SACB AT WORK: Newspapers virtually suppressed the Appeals Court order. In the New York press there was a total blackout on the court's order

in relation to new evidence. This is in line with the policy of keeping the public uninformed and misinformed about the true import of the Subversive Activities Control Board (set up in the 1950 Act).

That SACB aims not just or even primarily at Communists has been demonstrated during the last fortnight at SACB hearings in New York on the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln

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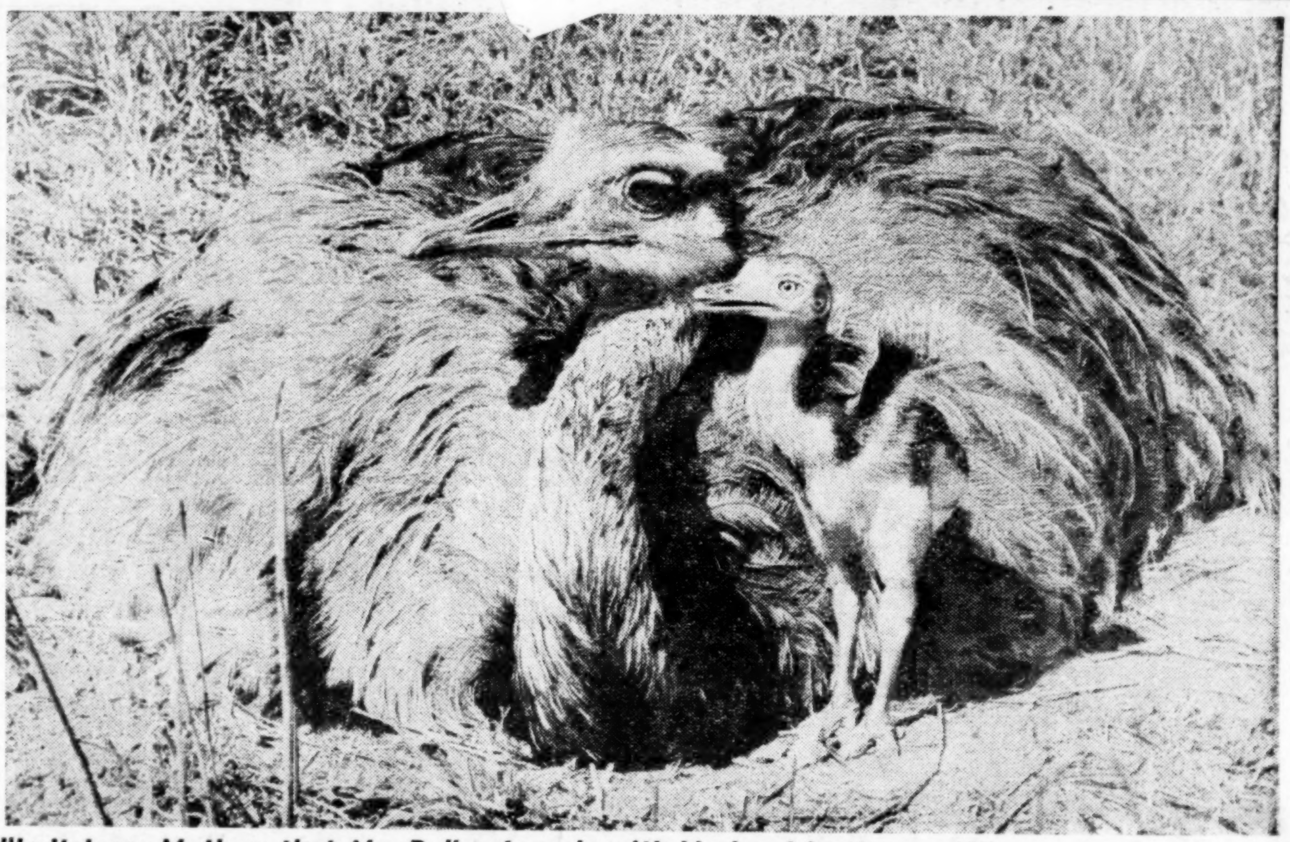

"Is it true, Mother, that Mr. Dulles travels with his head in the sand?" (See p. 3.)

THE SQUARE D BOOMERANG

Detroit labor rallies behind UE local in bitter 14-week strike; Press hysteria, witch-hunters and cops fail to break the front

By Lawrence Emery

ON JUNE 15, 1,200 employes of the Square D electrical manufacturing plant in Detroit went on strike. Members of Local 957 of the independent United Electrical Workers, the strikers' demands were modest: a 5c-an-hour pay increase and on additional paid holiday annually. But the company insisted on an ironclad no-strike clause which was unacceptable to the union.

On Aug. 26 President Eisenhower signed the bill designed to outlaw "Communist-infiltrated" unions. The Square D company immediately announced it would re-open its plant on Sept. 2, advertised in all Detroit newspapers for strikebreakers. Mayor Albert E. Cobo made his police department available for strikebreaking duty. By Sept. 4 Rep. Kit Clardy (R-Mich.), member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was in the act with a demand that Atty. Gen. Brownell call the UE striking local before the Subversive Activities Control Boad; he denounced the strike as a "Communist-directed operation," got this page-one banner headline in the Detroit **Times**:

"INVOKE NEW RED LAW
IN SQUARE D WALKOUT."

GOOD OLD DAYS: The headline was false but it got national attention in big business circles. On Sept. 11 **Business Week** reported:

"The first effort by a major employer in the Detroit area to break a strike since before the auto union seemed assured of success this week."

The weekly cited the new law, recalled that UE had been expelled from the CIO in 1949, and said: "Square D apparently got general union support." It quoted the company as describing its action as not "a fight between company and union but a fight against Communism."

To top it all, Circuit Judge Frank B. Ferguson, brother of Sen. Homer Ferguson, issued a temporary injunction limiting to five the number of pickets at each plant gate. The classic strikebreaking pattern was set.

IGNOBLE EXPERIMENT: To old-time auto union leaders the pattern was too familiar. Facing a rough fight themselves when they start negotiations soon for new contracts with the industry giants, they didn't like what they saw. UAW secretary-treasurer Emil Mazey issued a cautious statement in which he observed that the Square D strikers

"... have legitimate grievances which demand redress and ... their major objectives are wages and conditions already largely in effect in Detroit industry."

By Sept. 8 nine UAW locals, among them some of the biggest in the union, had taken the cue. They issued a formal statement signed by their top officials:

"We know that this strike is an industry experiment to see how far they can go in the breaking of unions and we cannot stand idly by while the Detroit Police Dept. . . . is used for the purpose of herding scabs and playing the company's game in an attempt to break this strike."

BIG UAW SUPPORT: The statement

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THE SQUARE D LINE WAS NOT A QUIET ONE
A young woman picket expresses herself on the subject of scabs

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THE PAPER IN THIS ISSUE is 2½ inches longer than the Guardian's usual stock. The change was necessitated because of a paper supply situation at our printer's. This issue therefore contains 8 columns more news. The Oct. 4 issue will contain 8 pages of the longer stock, instead of 12, thus equalizing the total space. The Oct. 11 issue will revert to the usual size.

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THE MAIL BAG

The Belfrage fight

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

It's about time that native-born Americans should take an example from Cedric Belfrage. This is our fight, our country's name is indeed at stake. **Paula and Bart MacLeech**

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The writer, who can ill afford to send what he deems adequate in view of the issues, feels he must do something to fight for the liberties which are gradually being taken from us. I hope this contribution will help keep this noble gentleman in this country where he is badly needed. **A reader**

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

This contribution is to help beat McCarthyism and all the horrors it represents. Good luck to a brave man and a truly American way of life as the Constitution meant it to be. **Rose Browne**

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Here's my contribution toward winning the Belfrage fight and keeping the paper rolling. I could not use the coupon since my paper goes to a friend in England.

Belle Fryer

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ROUND TOP, N. Y.

I have made a great effort to send you this small contribution. I am following your splendid courage and intelligent stand, not only on Cedric Belfrage, but on every item in this snarl. We are thankful you are still with us.

Rose A. Reuben

Home welfare

RANSOMVILLE, N. C.

What do we have in Europe and Asia worth millions of American lives, the bankruptcy of America, and the destruction of American people and property? To avoid incidents leading to war, we should withdraw all forces from the vicinity of Europe and Asia. We should use our power for home welfare rather than foreign warfare.

Vernon Ward

Want it wrapped?

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

We have received the Aug. 30 edition of the GUARDIAN somewhat battered up, and as we understand that for an extra $1 we can have it sent to us wrapped, we are enclosing the $1. We very much enjoy reading the GUARDIAN and like to receive it in good shape, as it is our best source of news. **Marie Humphrey**

Catholics and Joe

ARLINGTON, MASS.

There was a saying current for many years that "silence means consent." By its very silence the American Catholic hierarchy stands convicted in the minds of liberal people of acquiescence and concurrence in the McCarthy accusations. Not one word has come to my notice of any statement by a responsible representative of the hierarchy that McCarthy was acting on his own responsibility and the authority of the U.S. Senate and was not in any way speaking for the American Catholic hierarchy. Only a forthright statement of the Catholic hierarchy can relieve the minds of millions of Americans of this conviction.

John E. Swensen

Bishop Shiel of Chicago spoke out strongly against McCarthy, as have a few priests. The Catholic publications Commonweal and America also have been critical. Ed.

How crazy can you get dept.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP)—The National Labor Relations Board today threw out a long-standing rule prohibiting employers from questioning their workers about their union affiliation or activities. . . . But they added that "this decision does not by any means grant employers a license to engage in interrogation of their employes as to union affiliation or activity."

—Los Angeles Daily News, Aug. 5.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Edwin Ball, Los Angeles.

Source of force

SASKATOON, CANADA

The Canadian and American unions seem to be blind that the moneyed interests are using force and violence to destroy them.

Just American

Precedents

BETHAYRES, PA.

Russia was one of the first countries to outlaw the Communist Party, in March, 1907. Nero, I believe, also "outlawed" Christianity and drove the believers "underground." **M. B.**

Red and white

MAR VISTA, CALIF.

One of the billboard advertising companies, as a "public service," urges that I "Help Truth Fight Communism" by joining the "Crusade for Freedom." The word "truth" is printed white, while "communism" is red. The psychology of the white-versus-red is pretty obvious these days. "Truth" in the mouth of the advertising industry is like "purity" in the mouth of a call-house madam. To the advertisers white denotes purity of motive of the profit system.

The philosophy of advertising is best summed up by the big adman who once boasted that, given a million dollars, he could popularize tuberculosis, sometimes called the white plague. **Vince Stearn Egan**

That's telling HER!

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The other day I went to register. The clerk, an elderly lady, gave me a card to fill out, which I did in her sight. She saw me apparently hesitate in putting the "X" in the space on the card opposite one of the parties named, and volunteered: "The first two are the only ones you're interested in," the "first two" being Republican and Democrat. "I said: "How do you know?" She didn't reply.

I was directed to bring my card to another lady at a desk who swore me in, etc. She looked at my "X" opposite the Progressive box, then looked at me with a distorted face and suggested: "Oh, you don't want to be a Progressive." I said, "OH, YES I DO," with emphasis. And that shut her up too. **Andy Vena**

Blasting guerrillas

OJAI, CALIF.

You can insult the intelligence of your readers and owe us an apology, but quick. We are referring to your editorial of Aug. 30 wherein you state, "No self-respecting American can cast a ballot for anyone who voted for these bills."

We prefer to put it this way—all self-respecting ANTI-FASCIST Americans will form guerrilla bands within the ranks of the Democratic Party and blast the Republican fascists out of their front line trenches. Then if our efforts to change the direction of the Democratic Party fail, then and only then can we seriously get down to the job of building a genuine, broad-minded, decent Third Party movement, PERIOD.

Betty Lee Tucker
Robert Friend
Elma F. Kays
Earl Loughboro
(All Guardian taxpayers)

Oh, doctor!

NEW YORK, N. Y.

An eminent person was asked his opinion of Joseph McCarthy and he answered that he was in no position to judge since he was neither a pediatrician nor a psychiatrist. **Harry Fries**

Drawing by Dyad, London

"2 pennyworth of decontaminated chips."

Horror comic curbs

RACINE, WIS.

I regret that a very important concept was left out of my recent review of Frederic Wertham's **Seduction of the Innocent**: the public health approach to ending the evil influence of comics. At one place in the book Dr. Wertham comments that we would not permit a manufacturer to sell poisoned candy, but under our fear of "censorship" we are permitting the minds of a generation of children to be poisoned. The present laws which control obscene literature designed for adults are not considered "censorship" but comics manufacturers are permitted to produce the stuff for children — unhampered, even by those "adult laws" which could be made to fit some comic books.

A good control law, says Dr. Wertham, would protect the many—the children—from the few—the comic-makers.

In my meetings with several groups of GUARDIAN readers in the San Francisco Bay area I found a great deal of interest in this subject, and praise for the juvenile delinquency series. As one woman expressed it to me: "This is the kind of article cutting through the fog that my neighbors have been waiting for and I am glad to have this opportunity to introduce them to the GUARDIAN." **Ione Kramer**

Old song (revised)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

(News Item: "Shortage of 125,000 qualified grade school teachers in U. S. this year.")

Back to classes, back to books,
Fewer teachers' dirty looks.

Rose M. Lane

The nation's health

SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIF.

Reading in the Los Angeles press recently where the multiple sclerosis society and the infantile paralysis foundation were "feuding" as to fund-drive dates crystallized some vague thoughts.

Almost daily I'm beset in the mail, on the air, and in the press by appeals—from the cerebral palsy association, the cancer prevention research, the heart group, the tuberculosis Xmas seals, the crippled children Easter seals, the nephrosis people, the leukemia folk, the mentally retarded, the mental hygiene, the alcoholics, the dope addicts, hemophilia, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, social diseases. . . .

What does this all mean? It means that the nation's health is still a whale of a job and still far from being in an optimum state. It demonstrates overwhelmingly the need for a national health insurance program contrary to the AMA and its $3 million dollar "public relations" fund.

Such a program could be financed by a small fraction of the cost of the cold war. The nation's health is the nation's best security.

Esther Brook

Good question

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Copy of a letter I sent:
Natl. Council Against Conscription
1013 18th St., N.W., Wash., D. C.

Enclosed are $2 for any literature you have on the subject. I hope you have 5c or 10c pamphlets for distribution. I deem this matter so very important, it should have wide distribution. I saw a letter about you in the liberal newspaper, NATIONAL GUARDIAN, which likewise should be supported throughout the entire U.S.A.; for where else would one see such a letter as the one on conscription?

J. C.

Line of progress

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Your paper is truly a ray of sunshine in these near-darkened times, yet it seems to this reader the antidote may not always be strong enough if it fails to bolster the sometimes flagging strength of your more pessimistic, bitter-brewing class of readers (fortunately, these are but few).

Still, they do seem to need, now and then a good, hardy dose of pure humanism to take the sting out of their political rheumatism. Progress never moves in a straight line; neither do the people.

S. P. Zucco

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"There are laws to protect the freedom of the press's speech, but none that are worth anything to protect the people from the press."—MARK TWAIN.

REPORT TO READERS

What you can do to help us launch our 7th year

FOR A TIME THERE, right before and after Labor Day, we got the impression from the lack of heft to our daily mail sack that maybe everybody had decided to stretch out on the grass somewhere for the duration.

Now, though, there are faint stirrings among the falling leaves, indicating that everybody is coming to life again.

As you wade through your accumulation of late summer mail, you will probably find a renewal notice, a pledge reminder (or a reminder of a reminder!)—which we hope you will realize means that the GUARDIAN is relying on you most importantly to help us finish our sixth year (Anniversary Day is hardly a month away) and get a head start on our seventh.

WHETHER OR NO you find a letter from us wanting a response, we do hope you and your GUARDIAN neighbors can plan now to arrange a get-together around our Anniversary next month. We can help you with details if you'll drop us a card.

Summer parties for the GUARDIAN were not as numerous as we hoped for, but they were staged all over the lot and the returns helped mightily toward making ends meet.

One such, a barbecue in Detroit, was like the Baptist picnic James Whitcomb Riley poetized about: "Goodness, how it rained!" The report we got said:

"Sid started barbecue-ing in a downpour at 4 p.m. Jerry stood by with an umbrella and I was ready with a bathing suit if it got any worse. One hundred lbs. of chicken! Wondering who on earth would show up!

"But progressives are wonderful people! ! Fifty-two showed up. The weather cleared. The food was excellent; the drinkables held out and everyone had a good time, as the enclosed check indicates. It was fun."

OCTOBER'S bright blue weather is just ahead, and a fall barbecue is a mighty fine idea, you know—no mosquitoes and a nip in the air that suggests a bracer and gives an added point to the charcoal fire. We have no objection whatsoever to an Anniversary event in advance if you're so minded.

PETE SEEGER

Fact is that East Bay (Calif.) National Guardian Committee's jumping the gun with a folksong concert in Berkeley Oct. 1 (Washington School Auditorium, McKinley at Bancroft Way, 8 p.m., Adm. $1) starring the one and only Pete Seeger and his famous five-string guitar. Pete was one of the original Weavers (who hasn't heard their folk records?) and also of the Almanac Singers of the war years and earlier. He sang at the GUARDIAN Anniversary Dinner in New York last November—as you who got the Anniversary record recall with pleasure, we're sure—and we hope Berkeley is as pleased as we are that Pete will be in town for the Oct. 1 folksing.

Try to come, you of the Bay Area. It will be the jolliest evening you've spent in many a moon. You from elsewhere, why not write us about what we can get together on in the way of something similar? Why not write us in any event? Mails, we understand, are going through regular again, now that Carol and Edna have hurricaned east.

—THE EDITORS

WAR & PEACE

H-Bomb is prime UN issue: What's behind Washington's 'atoms for peace' plan

By Tabitha Petran

BEFORE the 1954 UN General Assembly opened last week, it was already overshadowed by the feverish flights of statesmen trying to shore up the cracking Western alliance. Logging thousands of miles since the collapse of EDC, these pilgrims succeeded only in creating "new frictions" and a "situation worse in some respects than a week ago" (N. Y. Times, 9/19). Secy. Dulles' open embrace of Bonn Chancellor Adenauer, and the stepped-up Washington-Bonn maneuvres to isolate and overthrow French Premier Mendes-France, have split the Western Three as at no time in a decade.

The split will find partial expression in the Assembly which—though now largely by-passed because of China's non-admission—may yet play a significant role. The U.S. resolution to again postpone the question of China's admission won by 43 to 11 votes; but China's apparent decision no longer to tolerate hostile forces near its shores virtually guarantees that this will not dispose of the problem. The Assembly, moreover, convenes at a time when the failure of Western policy is beginning to be recognized even in the U.S., and when cancellation of U.S. atomic power by Soviet atomic power has become—if not widely recognized—an operative fact in world developments.

Herblock in Washington Post
"A fellow can't remember to take everything."

POOL ATOMS, "ROCK THE REDS": The problem of outlawing hydrogen-atomic weapons may prove its most important task. Washington's fear of even an airing of this issue is apparent in reports that it will counter outlawry and disarmament demands—and "rock the Reds" (**Wall St. Journal**, 8/27)—with a new "atoms for peace" proposal, without any disarmament feature. **Newsweek** (8/30) said the plan to be outlined by Dulles would embrace "a massive pooling within the UN of all kinds of resources, materials and scientific know-how." **Business Week** (9/18) saw it as an effort "to rally the free world"—and export capital and surpluses to under-developed countries. It discounted (9/4) the "atom pool" aspect as whittled down beyond recognition from the President's proposals of last Dec. 8 because, as one official explained: "Our technology has not kept pace with our oratory."

The **Christian Science Monitor** (8/26) predicted it would be a decade before the atom program could go into operation, since "the U.S. has nothing to share yet but fissionable uranium and blueprints." The fact that a Soviet atomic power plant, the world's first, is already in operation could turn Washington's "dramatic move" into a dud.

KNOW-NOTHING PRESSURES: Washington needs an outlet for surpluses weighing down the U.S. economy, and for capital accumulated in big business' enormous "cold war" profits. Hence, a new kind of Marshall Plan—if Congressional opposition can be overcome—which, it is hoped, will clamp new controls on the restless "free world": in **Newsweek**'s words, "a package to fit cold war facts." Parallel with this effort to tighten the U.S. grip on under-developed countries, and to use the "iron hand" against allies (**CSM**, 9/18), know-nothing pressures for H- and A-bomb war (see Sen. William Knowland's "We Must Be Willing to Fight Now," **Colliers**, 10/1) are making headway:

- The 1954 atomic energy law gave the military vastly expanded scope and authority in atomic matters: the right to produce nuclear material for their own atomic facilities, including power plants; to build and acquire atomic facilities without an Atomic Energy Commission license, which all other public and private agencies must have; the Secy. of Defense to pass on all foreign agreements on atomic matters.
- Resignation from the AEC of Henry D. Smyth, only member to support physicist Robert Oppenheimer, means that henceforth "the AEC is likely to function in the main as a one-man commission under chairman Strauss" (**CSM**, 9/16). Adm. Strauss, a leader of the drive against Oppenheimer, is also one of the strongest advocates of H-bomb strategy.
- While the attack mounts against Oppenheimer (see Shepley & Clair: "Inside Story of the H-Bomb, How the U.S. Almost Lost It," **U.S. News**, 8/24), the "father of the H-bomb," Dr. Edward Teller, is glorified as "a dedicated, patriotic man overcoming high-level opposition" (**Life**, 9/6); and the Senate refused to confirm Trevor Gardner as Asst. Air Force Secy. because he backed Oppenheimer. The Oppenheimer hearing record shows that the real goal of the know-nothing pressures is to equate with disloyalty and treason any opposition to aggressive war, to "first use" of H- and A-bombs.

Interlandi in Cincinnati Enquirer
". . . and I understand this H-bomb is even worse."

KENNAN PUNCTURES MYTHS: The know-nothings' growing dominance at home, and the ebb of U.S. influence and prestige abroad, have frightened some Americans—among them George Kennan, former Ambassador to Moscow and a leading author of the "cold war" policy. In **Realities of American Foreign Policy** (Princeton Univ. Press, $2.75) Kennan punctures some of the key myths on which U.S. policy is based, making these points:

- War is not an instrument of Soviet policy: "I have never seen any evidence that Soviet leaders have at any time since World War II (or before that for that matter) desired a general war between the Soviet Union and the major capitalist powers or looked to such a war as a likely means of achieving their objectives."
- U.S. war against the U.S.S.R. (the probable ultimate result of present policy) cannot succeed militarily or politically, and the "Soviet problem, while a great one, is not suitably resolved by war."
- Explosion of the myth that "we Americans could live forever in the sole possession of a sort of sorcerer's charm by which everyone else would always be inferior to us militarily and bound to defer to our will" is no cause for alarm. We must free ourselves "from the false mathematics involved in the assumption that security is a matter of the number of people you can kill with a single weapon," hence from the principle of "first use" of H- and A-weapons.
- Communism has advanced on the illnesses of capitalist society rather than by Moscow's promotion. The answer to the problem lies in our relations with the non-communist, not the communist world.
- McCarthyism is "the most frightening and menacing thing with which we are today confronted."

Lancaster in Daily Express, London
"Don't you provide your Secretary of State with a home?"

But Kennan still accepts the old Nazi geopolitical theory that the U.S.S.R., because it controls the "heartland," menaces world stability; he defines the cardinal aim of Western policy as "retraction of Soviet power." Trenchant as are his criticisms of some aspects of present policy, he has no constructive alternative. He cannot see that present policy is the inevitable outgrowth of the "cold war-containment" policy he helped to launch.

THE 10-YEAR STORY: The Oppenheimer hearing records this progression of U.S. policy from the World War II period when the Manhattan Project was conducted on the basis that "Russia was our enemy" and "that was so reported to the President" (Project director Gen. Groves, p. 173). The policy was speeded up following Germany's surrender because "we wanted to have it done before the war was over" (Oppenheimer, p. 32), and "so that there was no necessity for any concessions to Russia at the end of the war" (Dr. Vannevar Bush, p. 561). Through the early post-war period Oppenheimer and others, basing themselves on the "sorcerer's charm," formulated a plan for international control of atomic energy which they knew the U.S.S.R. could not accept (Oppenheimer, p. 43; Frederick Osborne, 344; Lilienthal, 374).

Then came the Soviet A-bomb in 1949, which shocked all connected with the U.S. atomic program. Oppenheimer's testimony (p. 86) unwittingly suggests it played a part in precipitating the Korean War. It led to the behind-the-scenes debate on whether to develop the H-bomb. Witness after witness before the Gray Board—many of them prominent and influential—testified to his 1949 opposition to the H-bomb.

Why then the decision to go ahead? Part of the answer lies in the activities of scientists Teller and Lawrence, the late Sen. McMahon, chairman of the Joint AEC, the power of the military. But the real answer is that the H-bomb's opponents were prisoners of their acceptance of the basic premise of the "cold war"—that the U.S.S.R. is an enemy to be dealt with by military power—and therefore had no real grounds to fight it.

Boston Post
THE MODERN MARINER
"Alone, alone, all, all alone, alone on a wide, wide sea!"—Coleridge.

THE UNREAL CONTEST: The drive against Oppenheimer followed—because he held the U.S. military machine was out of balance. (James P. Warburg, CSM 8/16, described the U.S. military posture as making sense only if it aimed at preventive war.) Oppenheimer urged continental defense, rousing the fury of the Strategic Air Command; confessed to developing moral scruples about the H-bomb "when it became clear to me that we would tend to use any weapon we had"; and was accused (but denied it) of favoring a U.S. declaration that the bomb would be used only in retaliation.

The conclusion was foregone since in any contest the know-nothings will win so long as the other side accepts their premises, the premises of the "cold war."

If the U.S. is to be turned from the path toward a Fortress America policy, totalitarian at home and warmaking abroad, the American people must reject these premises. At this juncture of history this is not an impossible goal. The 1954 Assembly, by illuminating the issue of banning H- and A-war, could help to achieve it.

Wall Street Journal
"Our research indicates this new bomb will wipe out the entire world, but of course we won't be positive until we try it."

Scientific morality

IN 1949 AD or 5 AB (After the Bomb) a group of scientists organized the Society for Social Responsibility in Science. Their purpose is to "foster throughout the world a tradition of personal moral responsibility for the consequences for humanity of professional activity." Membership is open to those trained in pure and applied science, engineering and medicine, and to science students (information from E. G. Ramberg, Box 210, RFD 1, Huntington Valley, Pa.; sympathizers may become associates).

Last week the 126th annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in N.Y.C. was attended by some 13,000 members. A luncheon meeting of the SSRS held at the same time drew 17 visitors, including the GUARDIAN reporter. The discussion and reports however, did not reflect any discouragement. As if to emphasize the difference between destructive and constructive work, the SSRS has a project in co-operation with UN's Food & Agriculture Organization and Williams College, to adapt mechanization in farming to the needs of small farmers here and abroad.

Ban the bomb! Stop the tests!

There is no possible escape from the conclusion that the [A- and H-] bombs already exploded will ultimately result in the production of numerous defective individuals. . . . And every new bomb exploded, since its radio-active products are widely dispersed over the earth, will result in an increase in this ultimate harvest of defective individuals. . . .

Under these circumstances, I have been disturbed that Chairman Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission should state, in an official press release from the White House on 31 March 1954: ". . . After every test . . . there is a small increase in natural 'background' radiation. . . . But currently it is . . . far below the levels which could be harmful in any way to human beings."

. . . I regret that an official in a position of such responsibility should have stated that there is no biological hazard from low doses of high-energy radiation.

—*Geneticist A. H. Sturtevant of Calif. Inst. of Technology, in* Science, *Sept. 10.*

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British Association pres. Dr. E. D. Adrian [at the 1954 B. A. annual meeting] said the things which, above and beyond political, military or even moral considerations, badly needed saying by a scientist of authority. His warning (reinforced later by Sir John Cockcroft, Director of Britain's Atomic Energy Research) that the accumulative effect of a series of bomb explosions would be to pollute the world with radio-activity was salutary. Implicit in his statement that the disaster to the human race in total war would happen wheher or not the bombs hit their targets, was the warning that lethal saturation of radio-activity could just as well follow a prolonged series of massive experiments. The president . . . suggested that there must be a reinforcement of the social sciences.

—*New Statesman & Nation*, Sept. 18.

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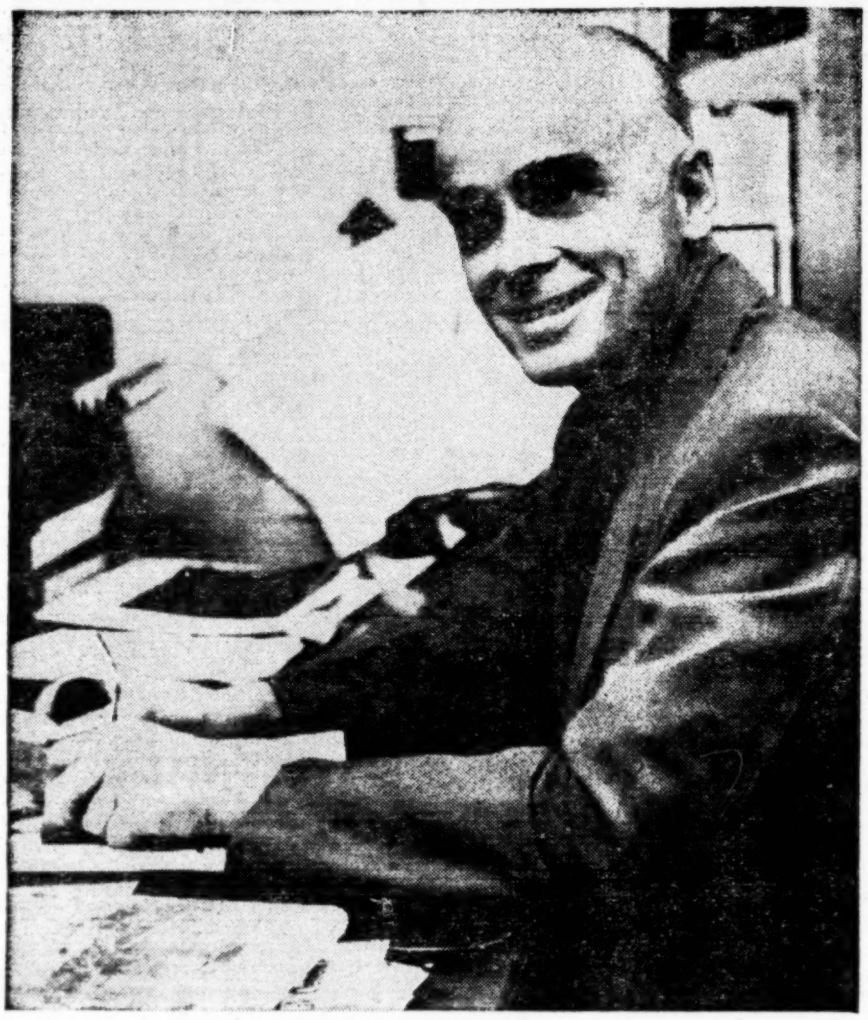

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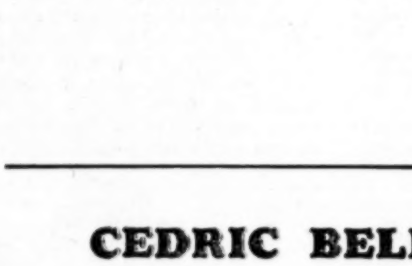

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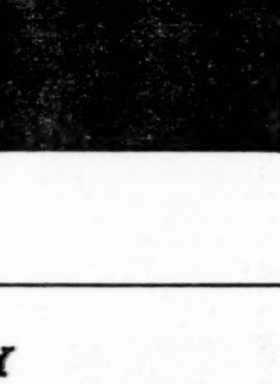

Belfrage must stay . . . Joe must go!

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UNITED NATIONS

U.S. again bars China entry, India calls procedure illegal

By Kumar Goshal

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.

THE UN General Assembly's ninth session opened Sept. 21 in a routine manner. After a farewell message by the outgoing president (India's Mrs. Pandit), and before the Credentials Committee and the new president (the Netherlands' van Kleffens) were elected, the U.S.S.R.'s Andrei Vishinsky and U.S.' Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. made their expected proposals. Vishinsky asked for the seating of Peking's representatives as the true representatives of China; Lodge moved to postpone for another year discussion of any proposal to exclude Chiang's representatives or to seat Peking's. Lodge asked that the Assembly first vote to give his motion priority over the Soviet one.

This followed the pattern of last year's opening meeting; but after a 45-vote majority in favor of taking up Lodge's motion first, and before the Assembly had voted on the motion itself, India's Krishna Menon unexpectedly intervened and brought the meeting sharply to life.

OUT OF ORDER: Menon cited several articles of the Charter to show that Lodge's motion was totally out of order. Reminding the Assembly that Peking had formally requested UN recognition, he said it was up to the Credentials Committee to take up the request and decide who properly represented China. By voting on that point in advance of the Credentials Committee's election, the Assembly was illegally telling the committee what it should decide.

After much confusion and hurried consultation, on advice from counsel Mrs. Pandit ruled that the Assembly should vote on Lodge's motion, on the ground that last year's similar situation had set a precedent and that the preceding vote on priority had shown the majority's desire to vote. Menon, however, insisted that last year's violation should not give permanent sanction to

THE ASSEMBLY'S NEW PRESIDENT
The Netherlands' Dr. Eelco N. van Kleffens was elected unopposed when Washington's candidate, Prince Wan Waithayakon of Thailand, failed to get enough support and scratched his entry.

a breach of the UN constitution; nor should the preceding vote be taken to mean more than the Assembly's giving priority to one when faced with a choice of two resolutions. After Mrs. Pandit sharply asked if Menon were challenging her ruling, and Menon denied any such intent, she called for a roll-call vote on the U.S. motion. The U. S. won, with 43 votes in favor, six abstentions (Afghanistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen) and 11 against (U.S.S.R., Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Ukraine; Burma, Denmark, India, Norway, Sweden, Yugoslavia).

MORE FROM LODGE: Not satisfied with this successful demonstration of U.S. pressure tactics—perhaps also worried by Menon's valid legal point—Lodge followed with a demand that the Assembly vote not to take up the Soviet resolution. Vishinsky sardonically wondered if Lodge was insisting on this procedure "to satisfy his vanity," since it was made unnecessary by the approval of Lodge's original motion.

As Vishinsky expressed his support of Menon's position, Lodge said he took it to mean Vishinsky was withdrawing the Soviet resolution and he would therefore withdraw his last motion. Vishinsky then said the Soviet resolution was already on the record, would remain there and would eventually surely receive overwhelming Assembly support. There the matter rested as the Assembly went on to other chores.

COLONIAL QUESTIONS: The Assembly's 67-item agenda is heavily studded with colonial and Far Eastern issues. The 14 Asian-Arab nations have again brought up the situations in Morocco ("a flagrant violation of the principles of the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and a constant threat to peace") and in Tunisia, where French policy "has led to general insurrection and violence."

Indonesia has asked UN to act on the status of West Irian (West New Guinea), a former part of the Netherlands Indies over which the Dutch have maintained their rule contrary to their promise to negotiate its transfer to Indonesia by the end of 1950. Asking a UN-conducted plebiscite in Cyprus on reuniting the present British colony with Greece, a Greek petition accuses the British government of disregarding the Cypriots' right of self-determination, of "illiberal and undemocratic" laws to suppress freedom of speech and press, of making discussion of the Cyprus question a "crime of sedition."

S. AFRICA, KOREA, ETC.: Again on the agenda are perennial issues of the S. African government's annexation of the formerly mandated territory of S.-W. Africa, of its Apartheid policy and its treatment of S. Africans of Indian origin. France, the Netherlands, Britain and S. Africa all contend that these are domestic issues outside UN jurisdiction. Also on the agenda is the continuing Israel-Arab conflict.

Peaceful unification and independence of Korea is likely to be discussed in detail, on the basis of the report of the UN Commission for Unification & Rehabilitation of Korea. Although not formally on the agenda, the Indo-China situation may get a thorough airing as the Assembly takes up Australia's proposal to admit the Indo-Chinese states of Laos and Cambodia to UN membership. Carried over from the past will be the question of Kashmir, over which India and Pakistan are still deadlocked, and Burma's complaint against Chiang Kai-shek, whose troops have not yet been withdrawn from Burma despite pledges made by Chiang's delegate and supported by U.S. delegate Lodge last year.

THE PURGE PROBLEM: Some of the other items will be:

- Payment (which the U.S. is determined to block) of the $180,000 compensation awarded the 11 terminated staff members by the UN Tribunal, recently upheld by the Intl. Court of Justice at the Hague. The entire question of "loyalty check" of UN's American employes may be discussed in this connection, especially since the UN Tribunal three weeks ago, on an appeal from UNESCO's former employe David Leff, ruled that UNESCO lacked authority to order an American employed in Paris to testify before a federal grand jury in New York. The tribunal also ordered UNESCO to pay $300 toward Leff's legal expenses.
- Report of the UN Good Offices Committee to discuss rules on the admission of new members. Previously, the U.S. turned down a Soviet proposal of "package" admission of states sponsored by both U.S. and U.S.S.R.
- Economic development of underdeveloped countries, involving land-reform measures, technical aid programs, and establishment of a special UN fund for economic development and an international finance corporation.
- Report of the Disarmament Commission.

Not explicitly on the agenda, but bound to come up, is the issue of UN

HENRY C. LODGE
Vanity first, horse-sense last

Charter revision. Article 109 of the present Charter calls for an automatic review in ten years. There is a powerful demand in the U.S. by Senate Foreign Relations Comm. chairman Alexander Wiley and others for Charter change, especially for elimination of the UN Security Council's major power unanimity rule (the "veto").

POPULAR SUGGESTIONS: Two days before the session opened, representatives of 46 organizations holding membership in the American Assn. for the UN met in N.Y. and recommended to UN members, among other things:

- Freedom for colonial peoples;
- Peaceful use of atomic energy;
- A continued quest for universal, enforceable disarmament;
- Universal membership in UN;
- Acceptance of the Intl. Court of Justice ruling on payment of compensation to 11 fired employes;
- Above all, immediate UN intervention for a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait.

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FLORIDA GETS AN EDUCATION IN 'IMMUNITY' GIMMICKS

Miami's 'red' terror takes on an anti-Semitic hue

ON Aug. 2 the GUARDIAN reported on the 'Red' terror in Miami's Dade County, Fla., where local authorities have been sentencing progressives to jail for "contempt" by granting a fictitious "immunity" under which they may be compelled to testify against themselves. The "immunity" jailing-mill—a foreshadowing of what may soon happen nationally under the new anti-communist laws—has worked as follows: (1) Miami **Daily News** "specialist on communism" Damon Runyon Jr. names a "communist" in the paper; (2) The victim is subpenaed to appear before State Atty. George Brautigam, then the Grand Jury; (3) If he invokes the Fifth Amendment privilege before both, he is sentenced to jail about 10 days after the first subpena.

To date, 19 people have been caught in the net, all but one of them Jewish; the terror is still continuing but has had the effect of inspiring widespread opposition and a unique education for Floridians in the U. S. Constitution. Miami's Unitarian Church pastor preached an eloquent plea for tolerance; ex-Sen. Claude Pepper debated the Fifth Amendment with Brautigam on TV, with many more discussions of the Amendment by prominent citizens on TV and radio since then; the **Jewish Floridian** has devoted much space to defending the Amendment. Commenting on the forthcoming visit of the Velde Committee to Florida to step up the witch-hunt, a young attorney nominated to the State Legislature told the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce last month that the Committee would "only discredit itself, not the Miami area, if it continues the way it has been carrying on."

A number of occurrences have brought out the anti-Semitic overtones of the drive, although the local Anti-Defamation League has remained silent, continuing to concentrate on discrimination against well-to-do Jews in costly hotels. A Miami correspondent draws attention to the fact that while the population is predominantly Protestant, almost all those spearheading the drive are Catholics including Runyon and the **Daily News'** publisher, Brautigam and two of the three judges who have handed out the jail sentences; Brautigam's special Red-hunting assistant, Ellis Rubin, is a Jew educated in Catholic colleges.

Rubin has disclaimed any significance in the fact that all individuals summoned have been "of a certain race," and has "invited" Florida's 200 Communists (FBI estimate) to contact him within 90 days and "explain" their political activities under Florida's immunity law. For co-operators, he promises "no adverse effects"; for others, "legal action." Of the 19 called thus far, 14 who invoked the 5th Amendment have been sentenced to a year in jail and are appealing; four have requested further hearings; one is still being sought. Of those sentenced, attorney Leo Sheiner has been summarily disbarred by Circuit Court Judge Vincent C. Giblin. Sheiner represented former FCC Commissioner Clifford Durr before the Jenner Committee in New Orleans last spring.

We present below excerpts from three documents which shed light on the drive from the standpoint of those spearheading it and victimized by it.

A child is born in fear

(From a statement by Mrs. Emanuel Graff.)

MOST parents who read this will remember their feelings of deep pride, satisfaction, happiness and serious responsibility at the birth of their children. Such were our thoughts as my husband and I made plans to bring our third child home from the hospital.

We had for the moment forgotten the McCarthy-Brownell madness that is sweeping our country, and the Brautigam witch-hunt in Miami. But . . . on Aug. 24, at 8 p.m., a process-server from State Atty. Brautigam's office walked into my room at Mercy Hospital, falsely stating he had my doctor's knowledge and consent to do so, and served a subpena upon me and my husband. My child had been born four days earlier. My husband was ordered to appear before Brautigam at 11 a.m. the next morning, although he was scheduled to bring me home from the hospital at noon that day. I was ordered to appear Sept. 1.

This invasion of the privacy of a hospital room; this severe shock to me just after childbirth; this persecution of us both, parents of three young children, aged 11½ years, 7 years, and 4 days—all constitute a brutal attack upon human life and family that reeks of Hitlerism. . . .

WE assume we are being summoned as part of Mr. Brautigam's hunt for "subversives." . . .

I inherited a sense of civic responsibility and patriotism from my parents. I was taught to be proud of my heritage as an American Jew. My father, a shop worker, was always a devoted trade unionist until the day of his death two years ago. My mother showed her keen sense of responsibility to her family and the community. From my student days I was imbued with the ideal of world peace, and in later years my interest in peace drew me into activity for the Wallace candidacy. Coming to live in Miami, and moved by the sharper forms of discrimination prevalent here, I increased my efforts to win democracy for all. I joined with others, in the face of Klan terror, to defend the Groveland victims. I was also among the hundreds here who, shocked by the bombings that culminated in the dynamite murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore, raised their voices for punishment of the criminals.

I have devoted time and energy to parent-teachers work at the school my children attended. Young as our children are, they have already begun to develop civic-consciousness. Just last week they organized on their own initiative a fund-raising effort for the emergency polio fund which netted $25.

IF my life and conduct can be labeled "subversive," that label fits the majority of decent, thinking, civic-minded Americans. If my principles and community service record make me fair game for Mr. Brautigam's persecution, then none but the minority of bootlicking conformists are safe.

Let my bitter experience at the birth of my child be a warning to all who value their individual rights and their self-respect.

'As easy as that'

New York (SS)—It is difficult to recognize creeping totalitarianism in our own country until it is too late, Dr. G. M. Gilbert of Michigan State college warned the meeting of the American Psychological Assn.

"I asked Hermann Goering, the Fuehrer's right hand man himself," the scientist related, "whether it was not true that he had unleashed World War II in utter disregard of the desires of the people. To this he smirked 'why of course, the common people do not want war.' The common people never want war, in Germany, nor in Russia, nor in the U. S., nor anywhere else. That is understood.

"'But the common people have nothing to say about it. It is the leaders who decide the policy, and when they decide on war it is a simple matter to drag the people along. All you have to do is tell them that they are being attacked. Then throw any outspoken pacifists into jail for threatening the national security. You can drum up the war spirit in no time. It's as easy as that.'"

Gazette & Daily, York, Pa., (9/9).

What makes Damon Jr. run?

(From a review of Damon Runyon Jr.'s newly-published autobiography by David Tilden in N. Y. Herald Tribune Books.*)*

DAMON RUNYON was a name to conjure with on Broadway. . . This autobiography of Damon Runyon Jr., rather than being a literary work, takes on the outlines of a psychoanalytic case history in which a man seeks to come to terms with himself and the father who for many years was a stranger to him. Compulsively, he probes the ambivalence of feeling which, at the same time, made him despise the prominent figure as a parent and admire him as a successful writer.

With frankness that is frequently embarrassing in its intimate detail, Damon Runyon Jr. exposes the private lives of the members of the family dominated by its head. His mother died of drink; his sister landed in a mental institution; he himself, is a reformed alcoholic. With resentment, with rancor, with self-pity, he lays the blame for the disintegration of each of them on the shoulders of the man who temperamentally was not geared to being a husband or father.

THAT childhood which Runyon remembered—he is 36 years old—is one of material affluence grimly streaked with sordid quarrels between the woman who drank and the man who chased dolls, with fear of inspiring anger and irritation, with a deeply rooted sense of being rejected. When his father remarried after the death of his first wife, the boy, nursing his wrongs, broke away from him, refusing to accept the offer of a college education.

Not until the last years of his father's life, when Damon Runyon was dying of cancer of the throat, were the two reconciled. In the interim, young Runyon had gone from job to job on newspapers, most of which ended in his being fired for drunkenness. . . .

ACCORDING to his son, Damon Runyon had two basic creeds he lived by. Even when he was dying he still believed, "All I need to make money is a little health and time and a typewriter," and "I never knew many problems money wouldn't solve."

As a psychological study of a man whose life has been twisted by a "giant" he feared, "Father's Footsteps" . . . evokes little sympathy for the self-pitying victim who, tardily, seems to be learning that he can slough off the obligation, onerous to him, of following in footsteps that are obviously too large for him.

A mother's anguished cry

(From a message to fellow-citizens circulated by a mother, Augusta Birnberg, who sent her child out of the city for safety.)

TO the Jews of Miami: Make no mistake. An anti-Semitic drive is strongly on its way. I know. I have taken an oath, therefore I cannot reveal how I know. . . .

Damon Runyon Jr. has accused me of being a card-carrying Communist. I want to state here and now, I am not and never have been a Communist. If he can lie about me, logic leads me to believe that he can lie about anyone. Hitler started by calling every self-respecting, liberal, intelligent person a Communist, and wound up by spitting out those few Jews who took him to their bosoms.

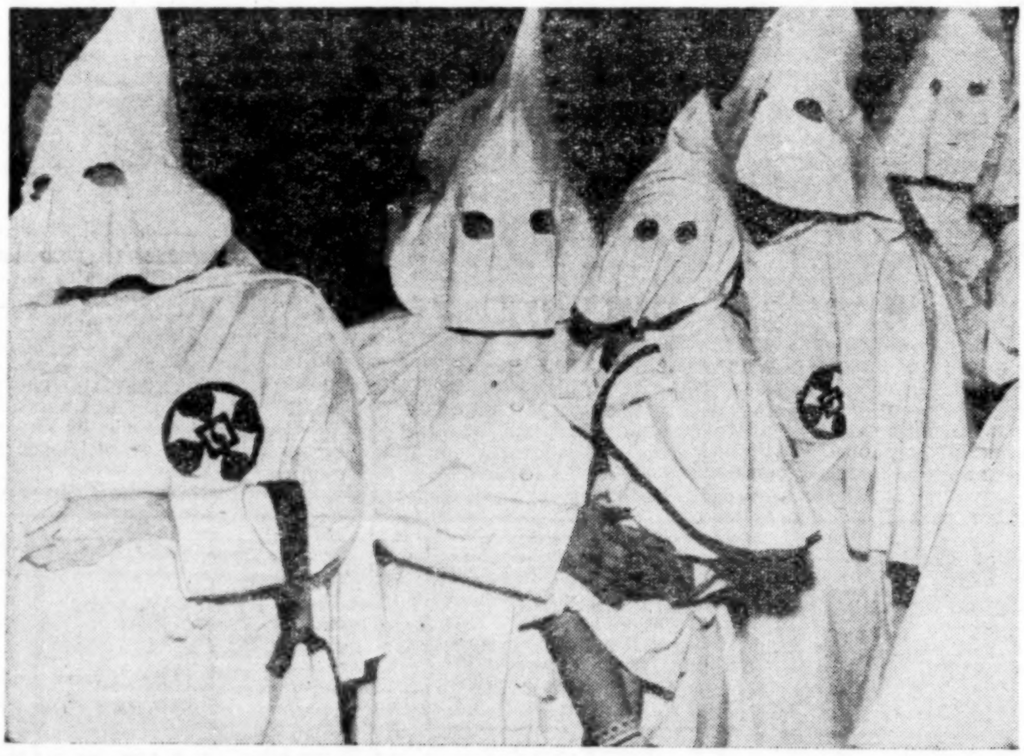
The fear for my child mounts higher and higher with each sleepless night. They will take her away from me "legally," my heart tells me; or they will come in the middle of the night and break windows, as witness the organized telephone calls that come to me. The past weeks of emotional upheaval have resolved itself into waves of nausea with my child.

I WOULD have been insulted had the Grand Jury not cited me for contempt. My soul is clean and I can look every man straight in the eye. Raised in a strictly Orthodox Jewish home, I have been taught by the Bible that a "muser" (informer) is the lowest form of human life. According to Jewish law, a muser is not buried in the same cemetery with decent people. A good Jew is not a muser. They may cut you to ribbons, but the courageous person who feels that only God is his witness, stands squarely with his shoulders straight—and fights back at evil forces.

But the law has changed its fashion. Our Constitution says "you are innocent until you are proven guilty." Today's fashion in law is: you are guilty and you must prove your own innocence. My message to the common man is: You haven't a chance—unless you support the Constitution as it was written by our revered forefathers, may they sleep in eternal peace!

THE men of the bar are terrified. The few that you can count on the fingers of one hand, know they are jeopardizing their careers by defending you. To these few men: Courage! God will give you strength and we will not falter. To all attorneys who fear for their livelihood: Here is your challenge! Teach Brautigam the law, which you have pledged to uphold. He and his cohorts are making their own laws.

Make my home safe! Let me bring my child home. I am lost without her.



For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. EXODUS 20:5.

BELFRAGE FIGHT-BACK RALLY, Sept. 30 at New York's City Center Casino

EDUCATION

Few race prejudice outbreaks mar integration in schools; Washington speeds its plan; few states pursue court action

By Eugene Gordon

WHILE students of White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County (W. Va.) High School this week kept up their stand against admitting Negroes, fellow white students in neighboring Madison, Boone County, called off their anti-integration demonstration, "sat down with leaders of the Negro community, talked it over, and withdrew their objections." The students also passed a resolution to hire Negro teachers for vacancies anywhere in the state's school system.

Speaking to the GUARDIAN from Charleston, W. Va., T. G. Nutter, president of the NAACP's W. Va. State Conference, said that in Madison the school authorities had "solved" the integration problem by continuing Negro students at the jimcrow Carver School before noon and allowing them to go to the white Scott High School in the afternoon. The theory, he said, was that Scott would teach Negro children such subjects as Carver lacked.

Nutter later told the GUARDIAN that "an unexpected flare-up" had followed this peaceful settlement. He quoted a Charleston **Gazette** (9/21) story that a meeting called by the Boone County Board of Education had been dominated by an unidentified "elderly gentleman dressed in overalls who described himself as a 'minister of the gospel.'" The story said the meeting was called at the request of parents displeased at the students' action. County Supt. of Schools Clarence Tamplin said most of the parents at the meeting were just "interested spectators" and not protesting. White students, meanwhile, have told reporters of a man "who loafs near the school, talking to the children on their way to and from school," trying to persuade them to stay away.

Happily integrated

Mrs. Marjorie Burrows calls the roll of her kindergarten class at formerly all-white Burroughs School, Washington, D. C.

D. C. SPEED-UP: Dist. of Columbia school superintendent Hobart M. Corning was reported speeding his own gradualist plan, so as "to make the capital the pace-setter in school integration." The N.Y. **Times** (9/17) said that though "only pupils who had just moved into a district were governed by the new integration law" on the first day, Dr. Corning has now announced "that now, instead of next Feb., 10th and 11th grade high school students might exercise their option of remaining in their old school or transferring to the one to which they had been redistricted." Thus the completion of integration may be hastened by from four to five months.

Washington's total enrollment on opening day (Sept. 13) was 99,946, of which 59,364 (59.4%) were Negro and 42,285 (40.6%) were white. Lower white registration is attributed to shift of the white population to the suburbs. Baltimore's Supt. of Schools Dr. John H. Fischer last week published a summary showing Negroes now enrolled in 36 public elementary schools previously all-white. There has been no friction.

Hillsboro, Ohio, reported the shaping-up of a dispute over a school zoning ordinance which caused 20 Negro children to be barred on opening day. Eighteen Negro children were absorbed with 80 white in two schools; about 50 Negro and no white students were in the third.

"SPONTANEOUS RESISTANCE": From Milford, Del., **AP** reported (9/17) "a spontaneous town meeting tonight in this community of 5,000 persons [which] resulted in a mass expression of opinion against the admission of Negroes to Milford schools." Negroes have always gone to jimcrow schools in Delaware.

When the Supreme Court last May 17 outlawed segregation in public schools, basing its decision on cases brought by Negro parents and students of Virginia, S. Carolina, Kansas, Delaware and D. C., it called for new arguments on how to put integration into effect. So far only three of the states not directly involved in the decision—Florida, N. Carolina and Oklahoma—have said they want to present their views. Arkansas, Tennessee, Maryland and Texas have also filed their intentions. Georgia, S. Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana say they will boycott the hearing. Alabama said it wouldn't file a brief lest it obligate the state "legally and morally" to conform immediately to any final decision the court might make.

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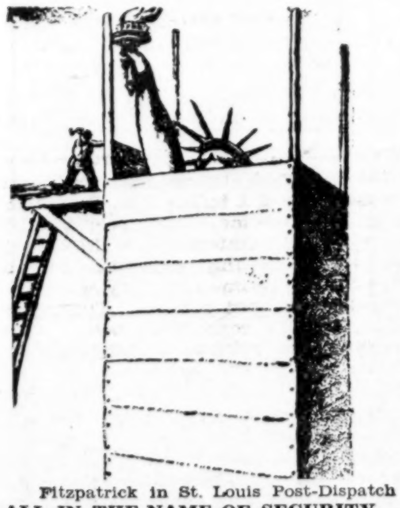
—Rocky Mt. News, Denver, Sept. 14.

THE LAW

GOP shapes up spy scare to scare up election votes

BECAUSE a federal court of appeals has upset Administration plans to make full pre-election use of the newly-enacted "Communist Control Act" (see p. 1), desperate Republicans will now rely more than ever for campaign sensations upon other items in the Brownell package of "anti-subversive" laws passed by the 83d Congress and signed by President Eisenhower. News stories, obviously inspired by the Justice Dept., for days have been emphasizing the use to which the new immunity law will be put to provide old and new spy scares ("20 Years of Treason") up to election eve.

Most of the press accounts exaggerate the power of the law, even though many of them point out that constitutional lawyers believe it will not survive a court test. But while it lasts it will be seized as a handy club against Democrats—who helped pass it.



Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch
ALL IN THE NAME OF SECURITY

"HAVOC" FORESEEN: The President himself praised the bill as "a new means of breaking through secrecy which is characteristic of traitors, spies and saboteurs." On Aug. 28 the **Washington Post** reported:

"The law which will probably raise far more real havoc for the Communist Party than the measure to 'outlaw' it is the Witnesses' Immunity Act. In essence it is a law to make 'Fifth Amendment' witnesses talk, or if they refuse, to put them in jail.

"It may lead to wholesale recall of scores of witnesses who have invoked the Fifth Amendment in recent years before Congressional committees. . . . In many cases the congressional committee would probably be just as willing—or more so—to send them to jail as to hear them testify."

On Sept. 12, after conferring with Eisenhower in Denver, Atty. Gen. Brownell and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told reporters they plan a stepped-up program to "utterly destroy the Communist Party, U. S. A." Hoover added that he already had "a number of approaches from Communists" willing to testify under the new law.

"SPY NETWORKS": Next day Brownell, speaking in Plymouth, Mass., before the 20th General Congress of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, invited "remorseful Communists" to "rejoin decent society" by becoming informers under the law. Less than a week later the Washington **Post** reported:

"The Justice Dept. yesterday launched what appeared to be the most sweeping espionage investigation since the Eisenhower Administration took office in 1953."

It said a team of four government experts "was instructed to look into more than a dozen federal statutes relating to espionage and other activities which may have been violated."

By Sept. 16 the N.Y. **Times** was able to report:

"Twelve persons already have been summoned before Federal grand juries in Washington and in Camden, N. J., in a drive to mop up Soviet spy networks, old and new."

Of the 12, the **Times** could name only three; they had already been questioned before and all had been named originally by Elizabeth Bentley.

SMEARS UNLIMITED: The **Times** story had an ominous note; it pointed out that a witness who refuses to talk despite a grant of immunity may not be prosecuted for contempt:

"Instead, the Justice Dept. may develop evidence against him and he may face prosecution for espionage, which may be punished by death under another new law, even if committed in peace time. . . . Thus the possibility of prosecution for a capital offense is officially expected to prove a powerful lever in persuading witnesses to talk. . . .

"The FBI has considerable evidence obtained illegally—by wiretapping or search without warrant . . .— in the cases now being developed. For that reason it has not been possible to prosecute many suspects, but with the new immunity law convictions might be obtained through witnesses who could corroborate information given by Miss Bentley."

After all the years of feverish investigations, it seemed unlikely that the Brownell-Hoover team would come up with a real, live spy. But the GOP strategy was clear: this would be a smear campaign with smear headlines. Joe McCarthy could sit out the campaign and sulk if he wanted to; he wasn't needed.

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Internal Security Act

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Brigade—also suppressed by the press and by TV on government order. In procedure which is standard in these hearings, the VALB—which is defending itself against an order to register as a "communist front"—was prevented from getting most of its opening statement into the record, from submitting as evidence books like Herbert Matthews' **Two Wars and More to Come** (in contrast to the hundreds of documents the government was freely permitted to introduce). Its witnesses were subjected to cross-examination designed only to uncover "communist connections." Its efforts to show the wide public support in the U.S. for the cause of Republican Spain were continually hampered by government objections.

A GUST OF TRUTH: The sparsely-attended, quiet VALB hearing in the dismal basement of the Foley Sq. Federal Court House provides a vivid demonstration of how a police state is built. Just as the Act under which SACB operates pretends that it is a conventional disclosure statute when in fact its effect is outlawry, so it pretends to establish a fair administrative procedure when in fact the administrative process of the hearing has the sole function of providing "due process" window-dressing to hide a built-in guilty verdict. And the deceptions are successful—at least to the point where each organization is left to fight alone, largely without resources and support, while progressives and liberals remain ignorant, indifferent and/or hopeful of escaping the axe—and while the government steadily, if quietly, implements the machinery for unparalleled regimentation of speech, press, assembly.

Yet some winds of reality blew through the hearing room when VALB witnesses testified. Gen. Jose Asensio of the Spanish Republican government in exile, who directed Madrid's defense in 1936, baffled government prosecutors by his outraged rebuff of every insinuation that the International Brigades had "orders from Moscow," his proud insistence on Republican Spain's sovereignty. Cross-examination of Evan Shipman, a political commissar in Spain now a racing columnist for the **Morning Telegraph**, was directed to showing that all political commissars were Communists; but Shipman's answers to the names thrown at him only showed how many Americans died in Spain—without anyone caring about their political affiliations.

SMOTHERED HISTORY: To the Hitler version of history offered by government witnesses, VALB commander Milton Wolff opposed the American version, the "history that every thinking person of our generation knows well, the history that is settled, has received the official stamp of the UN, the State Dept., and the government offices of all the nations of the great alliance of the war against fascism." To explain why the VALB did not take the comparatively easy course of complying with the government's order to register and then disbanding, he quoted the words of Bishop Neimoeller:

"When Communists were jailed—I was not a Communist. When Jews were hounded—I was not a Jew. When union leaders were jailed—I was not a union member. When Catholics were jailed—I was not a Catholic. When I was jailed—it was too late to do anything."

VALB's COUNSEL HOMER C. CLAY (l.) and MILTON WOLFF
The attorney, of a prominent Kentucky family, volunteered his services free. Wolff was commander of the Lincoln Brigade in Spain at 23 and was a World War II hero.

Square D story

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urged "all union members, whether they be CIO, AFL or members of independent unions, to give all-out support to this strike."

On Sept. 13 the UAW intl. executive board approved strike support by its locals, and within 24 hours at least 41 were formally on record. UAW members ignored the picketing injunction as not applying to them, and picket lines swelled to more than 1,000. By Sept. 15 Police Commissioner Piggins was complaining publicly that strike duty was a drain on his police manpower: "We would be more than happy to see this strike settled."

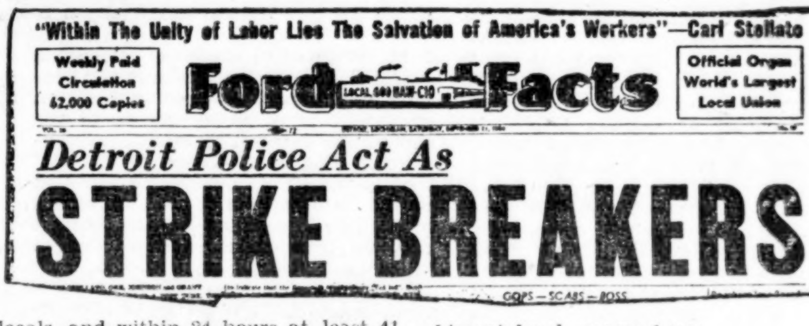
By Sept. 15 Judge Ferguson himself was taking another look at the new situation. He ordered a courtroom conference between union lawyers and company spokesmen. The union offered to resume negotiations of minor issues and submit the major one—the no-strike clause—to arbitration. The company refused, and the Judge rebuked it for not making "a more sincere effort" to settle the strike: "I cannot seem to get anything from management in this case."

The company also rejected a proposal by Ferguson that the plant be shut for three days during negotiations.

THE TEST TUBE: By last week support for the strikers continued to grow. AFL butchers were contributing 150 pounds of meat a day to the strike kitchen; railroad brotherhood members were refusing to move Square D products; AFL insurance agents were on the picket line; members of a local of the rival IUE-CIO raised $329 for the strikers; other financial contributions came from an AFL operating engineers local and from members of the AFL Intl. Typographical Union employed in the mailing room of the Detroit **Free Press.**

Ford Facts, publication of the UAW's biggest local, summed up:

"The Square D strike is a test tube. This strike is being used as a dry-run experiment in how to smash a union which is striking for legitimate and basic contract objectives."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ALP CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

McManus says fight waged on principle can never be lost

As the GUARDIAN went to press, the American Labor Party announced that John T. McManus, general manager of the GUARDIAN, was its state committee's unanimous choice as candidate for Governor of New York in the November elections. McManus ran for the office on the ALP ticket in 1950 and received 225,000 votes. Other ALP candidates had not yet been announced at press time. Following are excerpts from McManus' acceptance speech which was to be delivered at the ALP's Gubernatorial Convention Rally in N. Y. C. Sept. 23.

IT IS TO ME a signal honor again to be asked by the people of my party, the American Labor Party, to run for the governorship of our state. I accept gratefully and with enthusiasm, in the abiding conviction that a good fight for high principles can never be a losing fight.

Those of us who waged this fight in 1950 remember it with satisfaction—our beloved Dr. William E. B. DuBois, Frank Scheiner of the Scottsboro and other historic defenses, Mike Jimenez, war hero and trade union leader, and our unsparing Dr. Clementina Paolone. We dared to campaign for peace at the very fever pitch of the Korean War. Nearly a quarter of a million New York voters cast their votes with us,

utilizing the American Labor Party line on the voting machines to register convictions for which they were denied an avenue of expression by the two war parties. Since then many millions of Americans have registered their opposition to war in countless polls of public opinion, but still neither old party has ever provided an opportunity for these millions—a majority, now, of Americans—to express this opinion with their votes.

Hence we enter this campaign in our state in 1954 to preserve and strengthen this party of ours, and to offer it anew as the sole means for voters of any and no political affiliations in our state to register their true convictions, to express their true hopes as we conceive them and as we have sought to reflect them in the platform of the American Labor Party.

WHAT ARE THESE true hopes, and where else but in the platform of the American Labor Party can they now be found expressed?

Ten years ago, in the Presidential campaign of 1944, a majority of our nation—and most emphatically a majority of New Yorkers — rejected Thomas Dewey and reaction's bid for the Presidency and voted for post-war resumption of the New Deal, peaceful coexistence based on an effective United Nations, and an Economic Bill of Rights affecting the future well-being of every American adult and child. A Wagner Act then sustained the nation's standard of living by guaranteeing a free labor movement. Enlightened agricultural policies insured the family farmer. Price and rent controls safeguarded the consumer. A Fair Employment Practices Commission sought equal opportunity in employment. Merchant and worker alike looked ahead to a period of bountiful world trade. The youth of the nation were brimming over with enthusiasm for the future.

The ALP, sometimes voting nearly a half million strong in our state, was part of the political majority which constructed this pattern for the future. We have never stopped fighting for it. But where else does it exist today—even as a pattern—but in the platform of the ALP?

How else can a vote be cast

JOHN T. McMANUS
There is a choice

for these objectives in our state, except through the ALP?

Where, indeed, can labor look for representation? Can labor like Ike, after the new Brownell anti-labor bill which makes the Taft-Hartley law look benign by comparison (and on which the Democrats in Congress collaborated almost to a man?) The Democratic Party in our state, the party from which the labor movement of New York has sought and has earned representation, has in this present contest shown its contempt and scorn for labor by a machine-dictated rebuff in the matter of the gubernatorial candidate. The New York labor movement includes some 2,000,000 men and women, yet there is no room for them in the councils of the old parties, no voice for them in party decisions, no representation in the old party platforms nor on their slates.

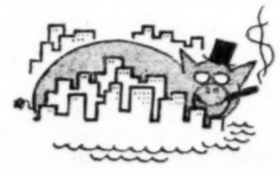
THERE ARE a million and a quarter Negro people in New York State, fully one-tenth of the total population of our state—yet neither the party of Lincoln nor the party of Tammany, and Farley has ever granted representation to these million and more people on a statewide ticket—and this year appears no exception, despite a united demand by all Negro groups for this recognition.

Only the ALP recognizes this right of the Negro people to representation; only on the ALP ticket can a representative of the Negro people for statewide office ever be found.

AND WHAT of New Yorkers of foreign birth and extraction, in this greatest so-called melting-pot in the world? Those of us who are Americans by accident of birth cannot imagine the fear and foreboding which must hover over every American family of foreign extraction, that some political dissent, however trivial, may bring about denaturalization and deportation of a parent, wife, husband, son or daughter. Jefferson in his day cried out against such Alien and Sedition Laws: "Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe?" Today's parties of Jefferson and Lincoln (by pretension only!) answer: "No, unless they agree with McCarran and McCarthy!"

Again, only the ALP fights the Alien and Sedition Laws of our day, the Brownell Laws, the Smith and McCarran Acts and other repressive measures and practices of the reactionary parties of today. Only through the ALP's presence on the ballot can a citizen of our state register a dissent against the attacks on the foreign-born, against repression, witch-hunting and book-burning, against political victimization of teachers and public workers. Only through the ALP can a vote be registered, with Jefferson, to declare such acts and actions "a nullity" and to demand redress for the victims.

AND FINALLY, what of our youth? What do the old



parties offer youth? What has become of the rich promise of the New Deal years?

Youth's portion today, under the old parties, is neglect, warped education, military service instead of college and a job, separation and loneliness instead of companionship and marriage—and police brutality and blockhead justice for those who rebel in some of the heart-breaking ways we read of in our daily papers.

All thinking people seek a different, a better future for American youth—a future of bright and beckoning opportunity, of love and respect and true fulfillment. These hopes can only come true in a na-

tion and a world at peace, in a state and society which breeds an atmosphere of cooperation and constructiveness — in fine schools, with free teachers and free inquiry, in decent, secure homes, with the best in health and recreation. And, yes, with the invitation to youth to participate fully in the political life of our state, via the 18-year-old vote.

We of the ALP do not concur with the old parties that youth is properly served by the legalization of bingo.

WE DO NOT CONCEIVE that the interests of the people are served in any respect by the twin parties of special privilege and machine domination. As the campaign proceeds we shall detail the ways in which they have failed the people, and continue to fail the people—in housing, and education, in hostility toward our Puerto Rican citizenry, in refusal to place the tax load where it belongs, in fare gouges and orgies of rent-raising and victimization of tenants.

We of the American Labor Party fight today for a better tomorrow. We fight every day and every morrow for the achievement in our time of the best of all possible worlds.

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"LET'S LICK 'EM IN BASKETBALL"

What the City Youth Board is doing to fight crime among youth disturbed by draft and war tension

By Elmer Bendiner

THE Hellcats were known as "a bunch of wine-drinking, car-stealing hoodlums" in New York who stole, destroyed property, bothered women, waged street warfare that led to the death of one 17-year-old boy. Out of 70 boys some 45 had been in trouble with the police.

The N. Y. City Youth Board (whose case histories carefully exclude all identifying details of time and place) tells how a "street club worker" called Jack began "hanging around" at luncheonettes and street corners, sharing cigarettes, coming up with a nickel for the juke box when everyone else was broke.

Jack helped one Hellcat find a lawyer to defend him on a car-stealing charge; found a job for another. He never hid his reason for being at the hang-out. In the end he was the decisive factor in forestalling a "rumble" with the Hornets, and final victory came when the Hellcats tossed a "Monster Harvest Ball," invited the Hornets and asked for cops for protection. Said the once-wild Hellcats: "Let's lick 'em in basketball."

HELPING HANDS: The work of missionaries like Jack is one of many projects of the Youth Board, which has been trying to hold its head above water since 1947 with an inadequate $2,471,000 annual budget and confronting a steadily rising tide of juvenile crime. It draws half its funds from the state and half from the city, spends only $125,000 on street clubs, the rest on community centers, clinics, group psychotherapy, job placement, child guidance and family services.

The files are full of case histories like that of Margaret, who "wavered between overactive, erratic behavior and black moods when she either ignored all approaches or burst into serious fits of temper." Margaret now attends an after-school arts and crafts course under contract with the Youth Board.

Raymond K.'s mother "seemed overwhelmed by household cares. The boy's father took the attitude that nobody outside the family had a right to be concerned about what happened to his children." A Youth Board social worker took slammed doors in her stride, managed to help the family so that "things no longer seem hopeless."

At the age of six Eddie saw his stepfather murder his mother. At eight he was fighting with other children, taking their belongings, disrupting class. He sees a psychiatrist now at a Youth Board clinic. . . .

LIMITATIONS: At Youth Board HQ, 500 Park Av., the staff seemed to be struggling to do good deeds in a naughty world. The GUARDIAN asked a Board spokesman whether it wasn't like a family doctor trying to trace the causes of pneumonia and stopping an epidemic.

He said it wasn't quite that but he traced the Board's limitations. It works mainly in three areas: South Brooklyn, Bedford-Stuyvesant and East Harlem, not because delinquency and crime is confined in those hard-pressed neighborhoods but because the Board had to limit its work somehow and these neighborhoods presented pressing problems. It has no responsibility beyond the city borders and the causes of crime and delinquency, he said, reach into areas the Board cannot touch.

"SO MANY FORCES": Board officials traced the rise and fall of crime waves as if studying the fever chart of a patient. Up to 1941, said the Board official, "the delinquency rate remained fairly constant. Then came Pearl Harbor." Fathers, even when they were not subject to the draft, worked longer hours. Mothers went to work, too. Wartime tensions and excitement put violence into the air. Crimes committed by young people suddenly increased.

In 1945, the war's end, the youngsters' crime rate dropped drastically, though still not to pre-war levels. The decline persisted through 1946, but in 1947 the rate rose again and has been rising ever since.

A Board spokesman said: "There are so many national and international forces responsible."

DRAFT SHADOW: Richard Clendenen, exec. director of the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency, was asked by U. S. News (9/17): "To what extent could delinquency among high school students be attributed to the uncertainties that surround their future, particularly compulsory military service?" Clendenen answered:

"The military draft has sometimes been an immediate factor. There is little doubt that there have even been instances where youngsters deliberately became delinquent in order to avoid the draft.

"But of greater significance, even before they arrive at actual draft age, the whole factor of not knowing whether they will have the chance to go to college or choose a career, or marry and establish a family, represents a seriously disturbing problem. It interferes with employment of young men. Employers are naturally reluctant to employ a fellow if he may be drafted in a few short months."

VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE: On the effects of comic books, violent movies and their more violent advertisements, Youth Board spokesmen were cautious, indicating their research had not yet advanced to the point of conclusions either way. But Clendenen was emphatic on the point: "The mass media combine insofar as they publicize and glamorize crime, violence, sadism and lust in creating a mental climate to which we are exposing our youngsters on a day-to-day basis."

He had no word of hope for the hard-pressed comic book publishers, who in promising self-censorship have defended themselves on the ground that the "good guy" comes out on top. Clendenen described the "good guy" as a "Hitler-like figure, an all-powerful human, who commits almost every kind of crime in the cause of 'justice.' He takes the law in his own hands and robs and steals and murders. The child reader is still being exposed to human brutality, cruelty, violence and vice."

THEY'RE "GONNA WALK ALL OVER GOD'S HEAV'N" N. Y. City Youth Board photo

But the sidewalks of New York can be rough going for boys in paper-thin shoes.

Publication date of Cedric Belfrage's book Seeds of Destruction, scheduled for the end of this month, has been set back to about Oct. 20 owing to slight technical delays, publishers Cameron & Kahn said last week. Advance orders for the book ($1.50 postpaid), to be filled immediately on publication, are being taken by the GUARDIAN with all proceeds to go to the Belfrage Fight-Back Fund.

HORROR TEXTBOOK: In New York police raided a Forest Hills printshop publishing an under-the-counter work called **Night of Horror.** The **World-Telegram** said that "some juveniles arrested for sadistic crimes like flagellation and torture by cigaret burning, had mouthed phrases and scenes directly traced" to its text.

But the city's newsstands continued to carry brightly-colored paper-bound books by respected publishers, promising by lurid jackets a generous description of scantily-clad women being beaten, tortured or raped. The N. Y. **Times** (9/19) ran a full-page, full-figure drawing of **Ava Gardner** captioned: "The world's most beautiful animal." The ad, for the new movie **The Barefoot Contessa,** quoted these fragments of dialogue: "Why do I want to produce movies? . . . Because I want girls." ". . . Whether you're born with it or catch it from a public drinking cup . . . Maria had it."

THE DEEPER PROBLEM: Though the **Night of Horror** would vanish for a while from under counters, the horror would remain on the shelves and the savage view of women reflected from the newspapers and the movie marquees.

Censorship posed more problems than answers. A customers' rebellion against one book or one class of books could help, just as the Youth Board's occasional rescue work and more playgrounds would help. No one would handicap the work of a doctor on his daily rounds, but also no one could hope that the doctor stop the epidemic. In the background was the nation's ominous fever chart that showed the connection between crime and war.

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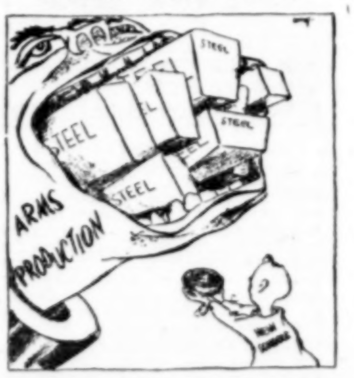

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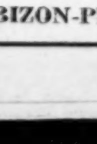

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DELINQUENT JOURNALISM

Judge Delany strikes back at press needling, says hysteria is aimed at kids

EVER since New York woke up to the current crime wave, newspaper editorials have read like a call to war against youth. Last week Justice Hubert Delany of the Domestic Relations Court, in his first press conference in 30 years, angrily denounced this "new hysteria in American life, which is aimed at children."

The conference and the anger were brought on by press handling of a case that came before him.

THE ZIP-GUN KIDS: On Sept. 2 Alban Isaacs, 902 Union Av., the Bronx, was driving past 151st St. and 7th Av. with his three-year-old daughter Paula when a bullet pinged against his car door. He leaped out, ran to a group of boys on the corner and snatched a zip-gun from the hand of one of them, then reported to police. Later police rounded up 14 boys, including the 14-year-old (name withheld) charged with firing the gun.

JUDGE DELANY
In defense of children.

While the older boys were held for Youth Term in Felony Court, the six youngest were brought before Justice Delany in Children's Court. The judge released five of the boys and ordered the 14-year-old to appear for a hearing Sept. 21, at which time he might be paroled or sent to a corrective institution. But he sent him home, without bail, because, as he told the boy:

"You told the truth and you didn't lie. You understand it is wrong and anybody who tells the truth when he does something wrong—I have trust enough to know that he can correct his ways. Don't you ever do anything like that again."

DELANY EXPLAINS: The World-Telegram played the story in two columns on page one, under the head: "ZIP-GUN KID GOES FREE FOR TELLING THE TRUTH." The story quoted Isaacs as saying: "What kind of justice is this? This gangster goes free, but I'm told to mind my own business." The World-Telegram, which has been calling for the nightstick treatment and assailing Children's Court for coddling "juveniles," ironically summed up Delany's action: ". . . they weren't armed thugs with whom Mr. Isaacs was dealing—just juveniles."

On Sept. 10 Delany called a conference at his offices, 135 E. 22nd St., attended by five judges from Domestic Relations Court, Walter White of the NAACP, and representatives of welfare organizations and religious groups. In a press conference Delany explained:

"I have noted with concern the growing exploitations of the serious problem of juvenile delinquency. . . . I have noted the calls to get tough with children and punish parents. I have heard the many calls for repressive measures accompanied by a demand that we cast aside all that we have learned during the past 50 years in regard to children, as the cure for juvenile delinquency."

"WILFUL" PRESS: He denounced the newspaper story as a "wilful misrepresentation of facts, a furthering of hysteria against the social treatment of children and the intentional subjection of this Court to misunderstanding and loss of public confidence." On the "zip-gun kid" he said:

"An examination of the facts in this case will reveal that the boy in question is an undersized 14-year-old lad. He is not a thug. The facts presented to the Court did not show that he was about to engage in a gang war. The judge did not pat him on the back. He was found delinquent. He had no record of any previous delinquency. The case against the other five boys was dismissed because there was no evidence upon which a finding of delinquency could be made."

FEAR SOLUTION: Delany concluded: "The children of this city cannot defend themselves. Attacks upon them . . . are overt attacks upon our way of life that bode nothing but darkness and repression. They reflect hostility, fear, that are unworthy of our great city. . . . We cannot solve our delinquency problem and the problem of neglected children by building bigger, better jails."

The group at Justice Delany's office set up a continuations committee to confer with night-stick advocates among the publishers.

SHE'S GOT THE PIGEONS ALL TO HERSELF
Because she's not yet old enough to go to school

SIRENS GREET THE KIDS

New school witch-hunt on; candidates get a TU quiz

ON SEPT. 13, 911,525 children entered city public schools and another 308,000 went off to Roman Catholic parochial schools. Mayor Wagner welcomed them by radio, recalling the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments. Other first-day keynotes were grimmer:

At 11 a.m. the air-raid sirens sounded. A civics class of 35 students from P. S. 225, Brighton Beach, was led into Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz's courtroom to watch the sentencing of nine defendants to a total of 65 years and hear a solemn warning on the fruits of delinquency.

In the mailboxes of many teachers were curt notices summoning them to Corporation Counsel Moskoff's office for political interrogation. (Moskoff has announced 150 are slated for investigation this term.) The High School Teachers Assn. stuck to its guns, banned all extra-curricular work as a wage protest. It also assailed proposals to fill the teacher shortage by lowering standards.

CANDIDATE QUIZ: On the threshold of another year of short-changed schooling, and pointing to the "alarming rise in juvenile delinquency" (17.2% increase in the first half of 1954), the N.Y. Teachers Union addressed seven questions to every candidate for the state legislature.

With a fact sheet accompanying each question, TU asked the candidate if he would introduce or support legislation to provide:

- Additional state funds for more teachers, remedial teachers and guidance counselors; a special $1 million annual appropriation for the reduction of class size; an expanded program for after-school and community recreation centers and other projects to combat juvenile delinquency.
- A teacher's salary schedule of $4,500-$9,000 and raises for other school employes; reduction in the time span between minimum and maximum salaries from 16 years to 10; a request for increased federal aid.
- A 1% pension plan, with a maximum compulsory contribution of 6%; voluntary teacher retirement at 55 or after 25 years' service; service credit for maternity leave and substitute service after Jan.1.
- $100,000,000 for school building (apart from state aid for school operation); $600 million state bond issue to finance a 5-year construction program; state backing for Congressional bill to spend $5 billion in federal aid for school building in next three years.
- Increase state aid to N. Y. C.; restore state aid for share of Day Care Center program; increase city's share of revenues and boost city's taxing powers.
- An elected Board of Education in N. Y. C.

BELFRAGE RALLY

Stander, Boudin, Stone, Williams speak Sept. 30

SIX noted speakers will join GUARDIAN editor Cedric Belfrage at the City Center Casino, 135 W. 55th St., at 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, in a "Fight-Back Rally" to discuss the meaning of Sen. Joe McCarthy's attempt to deport him. The deportation hearing at the Immigration Service building, 70 Columbus Av., will be resumed Sept. 27.

I. F. Stone, liberal journalist and editor of **I. F. Stone's Weekly**, will speak on the threat to freedom of the press raised by the deportation procedure. Civil liberties attorney Leonard F. Boudin will discuss the unconstitutionality of the McCarran Immigration Act, under which proceedings against Belfrage were taken. Also speaking will be Charles Collins, director of Liberty Book Club, founder and former vice-pres. of Local 6, Hotel Workers (AFL).

3 NAMED IN CASE: The three other speakers have all been mentioned by government witnesses in the deportation hearing: Lionel Stander, blacklisted Hollywood actor who defied the Velde Committee and is "implicated" in the Belfrage case via "guilt by introduction"; the Rev. Claude Williams, Presbyterian of Alabama whose ministry among Southern sharecroppers Belfrage described in his book **A Faith to Free the People**; and Frank Scully, **Variety** columnist, author of the **Fun in Bed** books and prominent S. California Democrat and Catholic layman.

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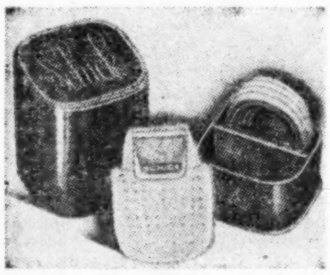

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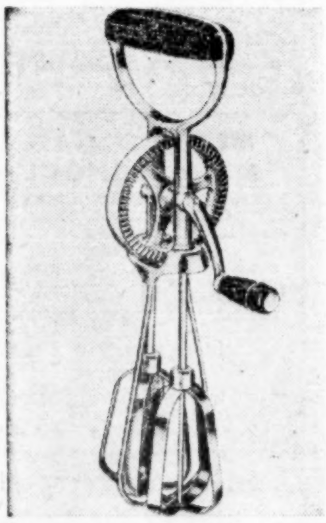

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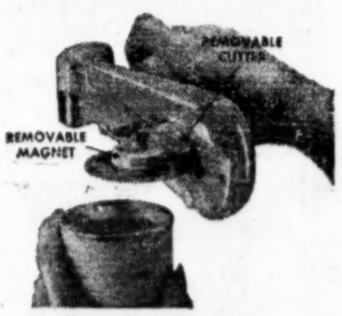

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The delegates to the Democratic Party state convention seemed to be choosing a candidate for Governor as the advertising man likes to think people choose their soft drinks, by considering that on the one hand Pepsi Cola "hits the spot" while on the other, Coca Cola is "natural."

The deliberations took place in perhaps the largest "smoke-filled room" on record, the block-square 65th Regiment armory at Lexington Av. and 26th St. The tobacco fog rose to the high ceiling dulling the balloons, banners, placards, confetti, noise makers, brass bands and all the other circus equipment necessary for the ritual of modern American politics.

The rite itself seemed not to be hallowed by time but to be played out. A perspiring man went up and down the aisles signaling for cheers and applause as they do in radio shows, cueing his claque for more and more noise.

JUNIOR WAS LOUDER: If the nomination were to be made by decibel ratings, Franklin D. Roosevelt would have won. The galleries were well filled with Roosevelt fans, including a large collegiate element who cheered as at a football game. Parades for him were managed with a showman's talent that should recommend him for future campaigns. In a little room in back of the platform the candidate and his mother sat throughout the convention. He issued a stream of instructions through a microphone to a lieutenant on the floor, armed with a walkie-talkie. The boos for Harriman people came with real bitterness, the cheers for Roosevelt with ear-piercing effectiveness.

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"This is terrible! I've lost a page of promises."

But the attempt to stampede the convention by noise was like trying to frighten a string of railroad cars away from the locomotive. A Roosevelt delegate remarked sourly: "We've got the placards—they've got the votes."

Harriman showed his strength not so much by parades as by the ability of his followers to stay in their seats despite the jig-time marching tunes of Roosevelt's bands.

THIRSTY DELEGATES: Junior's jig was up when throughout his hour-long parade the delegations from the big cities kept their seats or drifted to the three bars opposite the armory which did well throughout the evening. When the Roosevelt inning was over, many of his delegates left. One well-dressed Roosevelt supporter quipped as he went out to his Cadillac: "Where's the nearest unemployment office?"

Jobs were at stake in the contest, for delegates who stick too long to the wrong horse cease to find favor. But there were other issues as well. These did not vitally concern the government of the state or nation. It was mainly a matter of geography. Roosevelt's springtime tour upstate had paid off. To his banner came most of the county leaders who for years have struggled against domination by the big city bosses. But the big city bosses produce the big Democratic votes; their delegations are the ones with voting strength, and though Chautauqua (7 votes) and Cattaraugus (5 votes) might stand by him, they are no match for Brooklyn's 180 votes.

MAYOR HUGS LADY: When Tammany's Carmine DeSapio and the big machines pulled the rug from under Roosevelt, he fell very flat. In the anguished hours before the balloting, Roosevelt supporters tried frantically to split off a delegate here and there and floated rumors of great defections. Queens was one hope where Boss Roe—at war with Tammany—would, it was hoped, swing votes to Roosevelt. When the leader of the Queens delegation announced a solid vote for Harriman, it was all over and Mayor Wagner sealed it with a polite hug for the lady who imparted the news.

"A MAN WHO . . . ": Shortly after 1 a.m.—with the roll call half way through, but already showing Harriman with 541 votes, 31 more than he needed to win—Roosevelt Jr. came out from his room, was introduced as a "great American," and performed the last rites of washing away all differences of principle with his rival. He called for a unanimous vote for Harriman: "A great leader with a great record, and he will make a great Governor. . . . Let bygones be bygones."

At that moment Harriman stepped forward and Roosevelt held the victor's arm up as the referee does after a fight. Roosevelt similarly posed with DeSapio. The delegates who had booed Harriman all evening long cheered lustily while the band played: "H-A-Double R-I-MAN spells Harriman."

A little man, who had stood outside through most of the evening watching the fireworks through the gate, looked glum. An attendant asked him who he was for. He said: "For this you want me to vote?"

—Elmer Bendiner

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